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October 2002

MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

Not seasonally adjusted

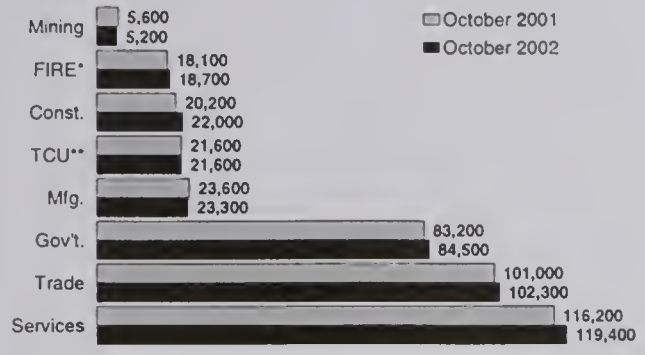
	Oct. 2001	Oct. 2002*
UNITED STATES	5.0%	5.3%
MONTANA	4.1%	3.8%
Cascade **	4.3%	3.8%
Missoula **	3.2%	3.1%
Yellowstone **	3.4%	3.0%
Beaverhead	2.6%	4.1%
Big Horn	17.8%	14.0%
Blaine	3.8%	4.6%
Broadwater	2.9%	3.5%
Carbon	5.0%	3.3%
Carter	2.2%	2.5%
Chouteau	2.9%	2.2%
Custer	2.7%	2.5%
Daniels	1.6%	1.3%
Dawson	2.3%	1.8%
Deer Lodge	4.9%	5.2%
Fallon	2.2%	2.9%
Fergus	3.8%	3.5%
Flathead	5.3%	4.7%
Gallatin	2.7%	2.8%
Garfield	1.5%	1.3%
Glacier	10.4%	7.4%
Golden Valley	2.6%	4.0%
Granite	5.0%	4.3%
Hill	3.5%	3.7%
Jefferson	5.1%	4.4%
Judith Basin	2.7%	3.4%
Lake	5.8%	6.1%
Lewis & Clark	4.2%	3.9%
Liberty	2.9%	3.6%
Lincoln	7.7%	8.7%
McCone	1.9%	1.2%
Madison	2.1%	2.7%
Meagher	4.7%	2.9%
Mineral	6.3%	6.5%
Musselshell	6.6%	4.9%
Park	4.1%	3.5%
Petroleum	0.6%	2.4%
Phillips	3.0%	2.9%
Pondera	3.7%	3.6%
Powder River	1.3%	1.9%
Powell	3.8%	4.5%
Prairie	2.6%	2.8%
Ravalli	4.0%	4.3%
Richland	3.2%	3.9%
Roosevelt	6.6%	6.7%
Rosebud	5.7%	5.2%
Sanders	5.8%	5.7%
Sheridan	2.2%	1.9%
Silver Bow	4.2%	4.6%
Stillwater	2.7%	2.7%
Sweet Grass	1.5%	2.4%
Teton	2.8%	2.7%
Toole	3.0%	2.6%
Treasure	2.8%	2.6%
Valley	2.9%	2.0%
Wheatland	3.1%	3.5%
Wibaux	1.5%	2.3%

**October 2002 rate preliminary*
*** Cascade=Great Falls MSA*
Missoula= Missoula MSA
Yellowstone=Billings MSA

October 2002 HIGHLIGHTS

Nonag Payroll Employment

Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)



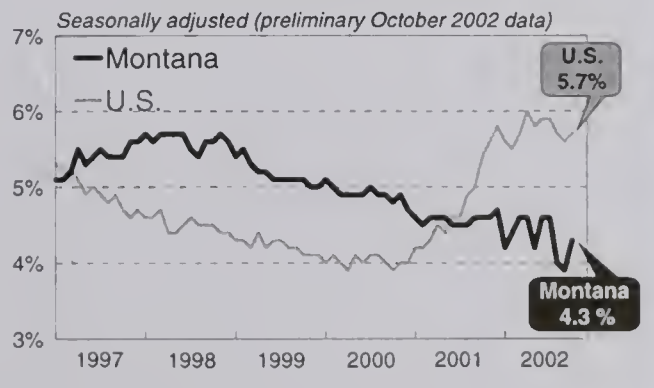
*Finance/Insurance/Real Estate **Transportation/Communications/Utilities

Seasonally adjusted, Montana's nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 7,500 jobs (1.9 percentage points) over the year in October. The largest over-the-year gains came in construction, business services and health services.

Earnings

Average weeky earnings for Montana's private sector production workers were up 3.1 percent over the year in October, outpacing the 2.0 percent over-the-year increase in U.S. inflation.

Unemployment



Montana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in October was 4.3 percent—which was 1.4 percentage points below the national rate of 5.7 percent.

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1999 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY COUNTY

Median Household* Income for Montana Counties - 1999

Montana: $33,024 U.S.: $41,994

Beaverhead	$28,962	Madison	$30,233
Big Horn	$27,684	Meagher	$29,375
Blaine	$25,247	Mineral	$27,143
Broadwater	$32,689	Missoula	$34,454
Carbon	$32,139	Musselshell	$25,527
Carter	$26,312	Park	$31,739
Cascade	$32,971	Petroleum	$24,107
Chouteau	$29,150	Phillips	$28,702
Custer	$30,000	Pondera	$30,464
Daniels	$27,306	Powder River	$28,398
Dawson	$31,393	Powell	$30,625
Deer Lodge	$26,305	Prairie	$25,451
Fallon	$29,944	Ravalli	$31,992
Fergus	$30,409	Richland	$32,110
Flathead	$34,466	Roosevelt	$24,834
Gallatin	$38,120	Rosebud	$35,898
Garfield	$25,917	Sanders	$26,852
Glacier	$27,921	Sheridan	$29,518
Golden Valley	$27,308	Silver Bow	$30,402
Granite	$27,813	Stillwater	$39,205
Hill	$30,781	Sweet Grass	$32,422
Jefferson	$41,506	Teton	$30,197
Judith Basin	$29,241	Toole	$30,169
Lake	$28,740	Treasure	$29,830
Lewis & Clark	$37,360	Valley	$30,979
Liberty	$30,284	Wheatland	$24,492
Lincoln	$26,754	Wibaux	$28,224
McCone	$29,718	Yellowstone	$36,727

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

*A household can be a family household, a single person household, or a nonfamily household that includes unrelated single persons.

The 8 counties exceeding the 1999 Montana median household income of $33,024 were:

Jefferson	$41,506
Stillwater	$39,205
Gallatin	$38,120
Lewis & Clark	$37,360
Yellowstone	$36,727
Rosebud	$35,898
Flathead	$34,466
Missoula	$34,454

The counties with the lowest 1999 median household income (below $26,000) were:

Petroleum	$24,107
Wheatland	$24,492
Roosevelt	$24,834
Blaine	$25,247
Prairie	$25,451
Musselshell	$25,527
Garfield	$25,917

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